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Remarks/arguments:

In response to the rejection of February 9, 2006, the description, drawings and claims have been carefully considered. Accordingly, many portions of the description have been amended to correct errors of translation and to provide proper antecedent basis for terms used in the claims. Many of the claims have been cancelled to reduce the issues before the examiner. In addition, the drawings have been considered, and proposed drawing corrections follow as appendix A. It should be noted that applicant does not wish to incur the costs of preparing formal drawings without the approval of the proposed drawing corrections. In the drawings the lead line for reference numeral "10" has been changed for tooth VII in FIG. 2, in addition a reference numeral 10 has been added for tooth IV in FIG. 2, and for tooth VII in FIG. 3. No other changes have been made to the drawings. In the event that the proposed drawing changes are not sufficient to overcome the examiners objections, he is respectfully requested to specify what additional corrections should be made.

On page 2 of the detailed action the examiner has noted that the reference numeral "18" should be changed to --16--. This had been accomplished by the present amendment. The examiner further noted that reference numeral 22 is missing in the drawings. However, it appears in applicants copy in FIG.4. If this is not shown in the copy before the examiner, he is respectfully requested to notify the undersigned attorney so that a suitable drawing may be provided.

As noted above a proposed drawing correction follows as appendix A

The rejection of the claims on the basis of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, is noted. "over structure" is now defined in the description. Claims with "covering material" have been cancelled.

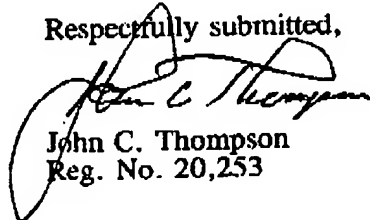
The rejection of the claims on §112, second paragraph is also noted. With respect to the rejection of claim 1, it is submitted that the language employed is acceptable, as applicant has used similar language in many other application without objection. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. The phrases objected to in claims 5 and 6 have been cancelled. Finally, claim 8 has been amended in a manner suggested by the examiner. Accordingly the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his rejection.

The examiner next rejects all claims remaining in this application as unpatentable over Braiman "Based on the examiners claim interpretations". This reference discloses a process which includes making thin shells, and simple does not disclose an "over structure having at

least one bite surface being comprised of at least one hardened bite element". In that the reference does not teach or suggest what is being claimed, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this grounds of rejection.

In that all claims are deemed to be in proper form and allowable over the prior art, the examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw his various rejections and to allow this application, subject only to the submission of formal drawings.

Respectfully submitted,



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